(b) No, Sir. The last change in the inflight music was made in August 1987. Prior to this the change was effected in January 1987.

(c) Next change in the inflight music is contemplated soon and the exercise is in progress.

Embezzlement of ITDC property

4132. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the former Chief Cultural and Entertainment Executive of ITDC was allowed to retire from the service in 1984-85 without recovering from him the dues|goods worth over Rs. 25,000;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Entertainment Executive was given free food at Ashok Hotel, New Delhi for about six months even after the retirement and the management decided to waive the recovery of Rs. 25,000/- and also released his PP| Gratuity and leave-encashment;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to hold an inquiry in this case and fix responsibility of the officials who helped the former Entertainment Executive in embezzling the ITDC property and non-payment of dues at the cost of public exchequer and recover the same from their salaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) Former ex Chief Cultural and Entertainment Executive in the ITDC superannuated w.e.f. 31 August 84. A recovery of Rs. 22,108.45 was made from him before settling his dues towards residential accommodation provided to him in Ashok Hotel, New Delhi and consumption of food and beverage items. On representation made by the officials recovery to the tune of Rs. 5900|- was waived off on account of shortage of costumes|jewellery| cassettes and cassette deck by the competent authority.

Purchase of Art and Offset paper for printing of tourist literature by ITDC

4133. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ITDC had made purchases of Art and Offset Paper for printing of tourist literature worth several lakhs during 1984-85, just to favour a few reputeles paper manufacturers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the paper so purchased was of sub-standard quality which ultimately affected quality-print of tourist literature and ITDC|Government had to suffer losses running into lakhs;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and whether any inquiry was conducted to bring the culprits to book and action taken, if any, against the officials found responsible; and

(d) what is the manner in which the paper so purchased was utilised on later dates and how much payments were made to different werehouses for dumping the same till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) After inviting tenders from 13 leading manufacturers of art paper and from 8 manufacturers of offset paper, ITDC placed orders in 1984-85 on the following two parties for supply of paper of the value indicated against each:—

Rs. in (lakhs)

	Art Paper	Offset paper
(i) M/s Bansal Paper Mills	(a) 23.91 (b) 12.60	.. ..
(ii) M/s Ballarpur Industries Ltd.	(a) 16.80 (b) 25.11	7.08

(b) and (c) After having some publicity material printed on the artpaper supplied by M|s. Bansal Paper Mills it was noticed that the quality of the paper was not upto the mark. Keeping this in view the entire supplies of artpaper from both the parties were got tested and the same were not found of the specifications laid down by ITDC.

While M|s. Ballarpur Industries Ltd. have taken back the unutilised artpaper of the value of about Rs. 14.00 lakhs and refunded the amount, M|s. Bansal Paper Mills have disputed and not taken back the unutilised artpaper of the value of Rs. 22.10 lakhs.

On completion of Vigilance enquiry by ITDC disciplinary action had been initiated against three officials. Minor penalty on two officials, has been imposed and against the remaining one official major penalty action is in progress.

(d) It has been decided by ITDC to utilise the artpaper for their print jobs during the current year and thereafter.

ITDC has been availing of ware-housing facilities for storage of its paper by hiring 600 sq. ft. space in each of the Central Warehousing Corporation's godowns in Delhi and Madras where the stock of this paper was also kept.

Categories of employees in ITDC

4134. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA. Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of categories in ITDC's Corporate Office indicating the employees strength, scales of pay and career prospects of each category in particular the first two largest categories in India Tourism Development Corporation headquarters;

(b) whether the scales of pay and the channel of promotions of the said categories of employees have been in consonance with the Central Government employees pattern;

(c) if not, in what respect there is deviation giving the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of those non-executives with qualification and experience who are likely to be/have been stagnated for want of their avenues of promotions there; and

(e) whether any effort has been/is being made by the ITDC management in order to break their stagnation, if so, the details thereof, with the reaction of the employees concerned, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) A statement indicating total number of employees category-wise with pay scales in the I.T.D.C. is enclosed (*See* below). Promotions in respective categories are regulated as per I.T.D.C. Recruitment, Promotion & Seniority Rules. The pay scales of the employees are based on the recommendations of the Third Pay Commission. The question of revision of their pay is under consideration of the High Power Pay Committee constituted by Government.

(d) and (e) There is presently no case of stagnation of pay. Every employee is allowed one merit increment after completing five years satisfactory service in the same scale.